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Antonio, Texas, December 30.—A see asfe in Chauncy McNeily's grown on hybridge D, two doors from settles, was crucked by an expert little and \$48 in money was secured asman drilled a hole on tach to af the combination knob and them all the single cart-iron doe in the devely had just made a deposit restorday afternoon and the safe cally the amount of the darks

DAD SCHEDULE SUITS HAVE BEEN FILED

Against the Southern Pacific Roads by the Attorney General.

THE NEW LAW FOR RAILROADS IN KANSAS

synopsis of the Bill Creating a Cour Having Jurisdiction Regarding Rates.

Austin, Texas, December 30 .- Attorney General Crete this morning, in the Travis ounty district court, filed twelve penalty and eight against the Galveston, Harrisrefusal to permit Railroad Commission Export Underbill to examine their books on September 26, 28 and 29. The minimum penalty in each case is \$125 and the maximum \$500, and the statute provides that a separate offense can be charged for each day since the first demand was made for a look at the books until the filing of the

THE ALTON DEAL.

Mitchell Again in New York Work-ing on the Matter. New York, December 30.—The Tribune ays: Since the return to Chicago about ten days ago, of John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, who was in the city for several day, at that time and held conferences with various financiers in regard to the sale of the Chicago and Alton railroad, the controlling interest in which he was believed to have been authorized to represent in the negotiations, little or nothing was heard about the Alton until Thursday, when it was learned that Mr. Mitch-ell was again in New York, having ar-rived here on Wednesday night, and had resumed his conferences with E. H. Har-riman, who represented important inter-ests in the Union Pacific and is also iden-tified with Vanderbilt and Gould inter-ests, and who said at the time that the negotiations for the purchase of the road had been entrusted to him. When Mr. Mitchell started for the West

t was generally understood that the Alchased by a syndicate of banks and bankers, among them being mentioned the First National and Chase National banks and the firm of Cuyler, Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of this city; Hamilton & Co. of Baltimere and Norman B. Reame of Chicago. This syndicate, it was added, was adding in the interest was added, was acting in the interest of several Western roads, including the Missouri Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Illinois Central and resembly, the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf, it being the plan to operate the Alton as an independent road in the common interest of all the systems named. It is known that after the conference Thursday at the Union Pacific offices between Messts. Mitchell and Harriman there was a conference there of lewyers representing the several interests involved, and it is generally believed in Wall street that during Mr. Mitchell's present stay in this city the negotiations for the sale of the Alton to the systicate for account of the railroads referred to will be definitely completed and the announcement of the transaction will soon be made.

The Chicago and Alten has been reported sold several times since it was first known to be in the market some five or six weeks ago. The Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad was first reported to be negotiating for the Alton, then the Vanderbilts were said to be treating for it; then the Goulds were seld to be anxious to buy the road. The Union Pacific elso, in which the Vanderbilts have large holdings, was at one time said to be neactiating for acquisition of the line. All these reports were desied, but the fact seems to be that the roads have all been bidders at different times for

Court Created Having Jurisdiction
Over Ratironal Rates.

The new law to control railroads which will go into effect in Kapsas March 15 creates a railroad court, to be known as the property of the commercial club on behalf of the citizens of Dallas, has practically accepted the proposition, and appointed the following committee to raise the money required: Philip Sanger, T. F. McEnnis, E. M. Reardin, N. S. Green and Charles Steloman.

It is believed the amount will be raised by next Manday as the business. the court of visitation, consisting of three judges; fixes the terms of office at four venrs, the judges to be elected at the general election in 1900; provides for a clerk and stenographer to the court, to hold during the pleasure of the judges; provides for the appointment of judges by the governor, with the corsent of the senate, to serve until the next general election, and fixes the salary of the judges at \$2500 per year each, \$2500 for the solicitor, \$1200 for provides that the court of visitation may

sit at the capitol in Topeka or anywhere clee in the State it may desire; prescribes the powers and jurisdiction of the court, classifying them under twelve subdivisions. The power is to decree freight and passenger rates, revise demurrage charges, hear complaints, order improvements, adjust disputes, and, in general, the scope is ample to control every feature of railroad operation; provides full common law and equity powers for the issuance of processes, production of records, attendance of winesses, appointment of receivers; punishment for contempt and attendance of a tury; provides for the court's government and the regulation of the practices before it; prescribes the duties of sheriffs throughout the various counties in the serving of processes; gives the court power to appoint a marshal, also a bailiff; defines the pleadings, which shall be a complaint in the name of the State and the answer thereto; provides for the manner of preparing an information or complaint; provides for citation upon the information and the manner of it; allows the complainart to employ counsel to assist the State; allows any party who may be aggrieved, although not a party to the suit, to show that a decree or judgment is being violated; provides where connecting lines; precribes that no rates, special contracts or agreements now in science shall be received as proof of the reasonableroses of freight charges; provides for the manner of rendering judgments in default; provides for the porting of judgments in the service of the railroad companies involved: provides for the railroad companies involved: provides for the railroad companies involved: provides for the manner of the feature of judgments in certain cases; provides for the manner of enforcement of the decree; provides for the manner of the feature provides for the manner of the feature provides for the manner of taxing costs and their payment; provides for the supreme court of Kansas; provides for the supreme court of Kansas; provides for the supreme court of Kansas; prov

allows damages, both actual and exemplary, notwithstanding the provisions of this act.

Section 33 provides for the conduct of railroads in cases of strikes. It gives the railroads in cases of strikes. It gives the railroads ourst power to inquire into the disagreement. If the employers are found to be in the wrong they can be enjolated from further disturbance. If the company is found to be in the wrong the court can order the company to adjust the strike, or, the company failing to comply, to place the road in the hands of a receiver, who shall operate it as long as may be necessary to insure tranquillity to commerce.

The bill bettown upon the court chantery powers to rehear orders and decrees, prescribes that the provisions of the code of civil procedure shall apply in the railroad court as in other courts; provides for a reviver of actions in accordance with the code; provides that in proceedings of error the bill of exceptions may be withdrawn and the error withdrawn.

BRADSTREET'S ON FINANCE.

by the public has been the principal feature. Commission houses have been amive in the market and while a great deal of profit taking has undoubtedly occurred, there were a number of new purchases. Pears that the market was culminating for the time have found explanation, but on the whole the builtsh temper of the street and public is undiminished. The favorable factors of the situation, such as the volume of money in the country and the communance of increasing railroad sarnings, were supplemented this week by a thise in grain prices, due largely to increased foreign demands for our breadstuffs. Among the other incidents which tend to sustain speculative confidence is the fact that a general movement seems to be on foot among railroad companies to insist on the maintenance of the full tariff rates after January 1. There are also intimations of "deals" and coming dividends which will have a good effect on the position of various properties, while above all is the idea that though the course of the market in the last formight has evidently been in the nature of a discounting of the January investment demand, the latter will estil have sufficient force to carry securities to a high level, and public is undiminished. The favorable force to carry securities to a high level, breepective of what the growth and widening of the seculative spirit may accomplish in the same direction.

The London market has been more or less of a holiday market, but American stocks were strong there and the foreign particulation was majore as the holiday

stocks were strong there and the foreign participation was mainly on the built side. In fact, the fertnightly settlement on the stock exchange there disclosed exceptionally large holdings of our securities. In our own market the activity of leading interests in supporting and advancing their securities has not been wanting, though, to give variety to the market, some of the professionals showed a disposition during the week to take the bear side for a turn

Under existing conditions and in view of the revived interest of the public professional estimates of the outlook generally point to a continuance of the rise in prices for both stocks and bonds, tempered, pethaps by setbacks, as realizing temporary gains in the ascendancy, or the overbought state of the market invites reaction.

DALLAS, FORT WORTH AND GULF.

An Ower Made to the Commercial Club of Dallas.

Dallas, Texas, December 30.—President Conner has submitted a written proposition from the Dallas, Fort Worth and Gulf rallway (formerly Dallas Terminal) to the Dallas Commercial club, pledging his company to have the road in operation the revived interest of the public profes-sional estimates of the outlook generally point to a continuance of the rise in prices for both stocks and bonds, tem-pered, perhaps by sebacks, as realizing temporary gains in the ascendancy, or the overbought state of the market invites

company to have the road in operation of way, depot grounds, etc. He also says his company will offer entrance into Dallas to the Rock Island, the Fort Worth and Denver and the Fort Worth and Rio Granie if his proposition to the commercial club is accepted. The commercial club on behalf of the cit-

by next Monday, as the business munity are strongly partial to the enterprize. Those well informed in the matter declare that the new company will not stop when Dallas and Fort Worth shall have been connected, but will push right on to the gulf, either via Houston er Sabine Pass or perhaps both points.

RATES TO GALVESTON.

Account of the Live Stock Assecta-General Passenger Agent Keenan

the clerk and \$750 for the stenographer; the Santa Fe has issued reduced rates to Galveston on the occasion of the Texas night for upper berths would be about tair sit at the capitol in Topeka or anywhere clee in the State it may desire; prescribes the powers and jurisdiction of the court, rates are as follows:

Live Stock association convention, to be corporations. A bill will be prepared for introduction in the Twenty-soxth legislarates are as follows:

From stations within seventy-five miles of Galveston, rate of one and one-third fares. From stations between seventysix and 100 miles distant, rate of \$3. From stations over 100 miles distant, rate of one fare for the round trip, not to exceed \$5 from any point on our line in Texas. Rates from points Thackerville to Purceil, inclusive, will be made by adding one way fare to the \$5 rate applying from Gainesville. Sell on January 16 and for trains arriving in Gaireston morning of January 17, 1889. Limit all tickets to January 21, 1899, for final return.

The Houston and Texas Central issues the following for the same occasion:

To all agents: January 15 and 16, 1899, you may sell round trip tickets to Galvesion at rate of one fare, not to exceed \$5. Limit tickets to January 21.

M. L. Robbins, G. P. and T. A. of Galveston, rate of one and one-third

LOCAL PREIGHT HARNINGS.

cierk, George Armistead, it was learned that the business of the International and Great Northern at Houston during the past season was the largest ever enjoyed by that company in the thatory of the road. The claim is also made that, on the authority of the Cotton Exchange, this road,

G., B. AND K. C. AND G., B. AND N.

Roads Will Ask the Privilege of

Gulf, Beaumont and Northern Railroad given out regarding the proposed receiverour antes are advertising the intention of applying to the coming legislature for a special law authorizing a consulidation of ection is also given that the said companies will make application for authority to lease or purchase a line of railway from the State line of the State of Texas into the city of Shreveport in the State of Louis-

Stocks Have Been Unusually Active lans.

New York, December 30.—Bradstreet's mont and Kansas City railroad is regarded by those who presume to know and are in a position to get inside information as the finale of a series of negotiations to develop the railroad into one of great trunk lines of the country. As a part of the plan the Gulf, Beaumont and Northern railroad was organized several mouths ago, the stock-holders being simost identical with the stockholders of the Gulf, Beaumont and

Stockholders of the Califor company was organized and a charter obtained General Manager Kirby went East to financier the project. He was absent four or five months and that he was successful is avidenced by the fact that ten miles of track is now being added to the Gulf, Beaumont and by the fact that ten miles of track is new being added to the Gulf. Beaumont and Kansas City. It was the intention to continue construction of the road under charter of the Gulf. Beaumont and Northern, but the pardes interested concluded that it was best to have the properties under one company and this is the object of the two companies in making application for a special law authorizing the consolidation. If there he objection to this consolidation it is not apparent to the people in this city and section. The two companies, if operated separately, would be but continuous lines of railroad and could never be competitors. Such operation would, how-

competitors. Such operation would, how-ever, he expensive in that it would neces-sitate two sets of officials and in various other ways increase the fixed charges. It is hoped therefore that the legislature will grant the authority saked, and if it does the beginning of the Twentieth century will find Beaumont equipped with smother ind Besumont equipped with sucther hirough north and south line.

GATE SYSTEM DISCONTINUED. Southern Pacific Has Issued Instruc

Following is a circular which will rewhat many have offered as a bone of contention and a reel of unnecessary red

who have beretofore waited at the car enfrom Dallas to Fort Worth within aix sample cases in hand, until the rush is months time if the people of Dallas will disposed of one by one as tickets were precontribute \$35,000 cash to pay for right sented to the gateman, receiving their

One of the infortunate phases of question is that quite a number of worthy employes corving as gatemen will be com-pelled to seek cituations elsewhere, which may not be so easily found, as the rush of the busy season has considerably quietad

AFTER SLEEPING CAR COMPANIES Commission Believes the Rates Now

Charged Are Too High.

Austin, Texas, December 30.—The rail-Austin, Texas. December 30.—The railroad commission this evening issued an order calling upon operators of palace and
lessed at 4:30 p. m. at the Houston and
lessed of the state to file with nounced the thermometer at 32 degrees the sleeping car lines in this State to file with Bounced the therm will it not later than January 10, 1898, copies and falling rapidly. of their contracts with the different railroad companies of Texas over which their
cars run, together with schedules of their
rates and all regulations governing or aftecting same.

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The Houston East and West Texas rail-

\$1.50 per night for lower beths and \$1 per for the accommodations furnished by those ture, however, to give it specific authority to act in the premises.

Additional Rate Notices.

Following notices have been issued from the office of chairman of the Southwestern bureau: On cotton seed of in burrels or tank cars, car loads, from Houston and

from maticities taken about December 27, has havied more oction into Housian from points on their line and tributaries than any other line coming into the city, the number of bales at that time reaching considerably over the 500,000 mark. During the conversation attention was called to a freight train just pulling out from the station, and sixty-three care were counted. This is the way we are doing it every The grievance committee of the Order Railway Conductors of the Atlantic sys-

BALTIMORE AND OHIO.

Definite Action Regarding Reorgan-ization Expected Today, Cincinnati, December 20.—At a meeting here roday at the directors and officers &! the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern rails road the plan of reorganization of this was unanimously adopted, but owing to the fact that the general counsel had fur-Convoltanting.

Besument, Texas, December 30.—The ther papers to prepare before any legal Guit, Besument and Kansas City and the proceedings could be taken nothing was

The plan for reorganization includes provisions for \$5,500,000 for improvement, cutting down grades, equipment, etc., on the Southwestern system, which extends from St. Louis through Loutaville and Cinconnect to Parkersburg, W. Va.

After the meeting of the directors there was up action taken in any court booking to the receivership, as some bad expected. There will be another meeting of the directors tomorrow, at which it is thought there will be an announcement of decisive action, which has no doubt been already agreed upon.

Kirbyville, Texas, December 39.-Th holidays' pleasures are about over and today finds all the crows of each department of construction work on the new extension of the Guif, Bealumont and Kansas City railroad at their labors.

There came in six more cars of steel shows and increase compared with last week rails today, which is about enough to com-last year of \$79,665.

plete the ten miles of this road.

Mr. L. J. Black, foreman for Contractor Hansen, informs The Post correspondent that it is now only a matter of a few weeks till this ten miles of new road will be ready for business. The grade is nearing completion, there being only a few hundred yards between the different grading crews to make compositions of their reing crews to make connections of their re-spective contracts; then it will be tied and ironed at once.

Representating Wisconnia Confest Milwaukce, Wis., December 30 .- Accord ing to reports that come to New York the Wesconsin Central system the question of whether or not there will be a reorganization of the present system will be definitely settled on or before February 14. While several conferences of committees were held in New York istely it is said absolutely nothing has been accomplished.

B. and O. Reorganization.

The statement to the effect that the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern is to be absorbed by the Baltimore and Ohio is confirmed. The stock and security holders of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern are to receive Baltimore and Ohio paper in exchange for their present holdings. A new issue of \$40,000,000 in bonds will be made to cover the absorption of the Baltimore and Oblo Southwestern, permanent butter-

Fort Worth, Texas, December 20 .- A delegation from Chico waited upon Mr. Donaldson at Gainesville to induce him to look in to the offer by that town to secure the proposed new road, the Circle Belt. Chico is on the line projected from Gamesville to Jeckaboro, and her ckizens are anxious to secure the road and will subscribe liberally.

Bonds for Terminals. Savannab, Ga., December 30.—The Geor gia and Alabama rathroad stockholders guaranteed today an issue of \$1,000,000 of bonds for the construction of terminal fa-cilities. The terminals will be built at a cost of over \$2,000,000.

Notes and Personals.

Mr. W. D. Lawson, traveling passenger agent of the Katy, came in yesterday from an extended business trip. The cotton receipts yesterday for Hous-

ton via the Houston and Texas Central railroad were 1487 bales. Mr. J. M. Lee, superintendent of the Houston and Texas Central, left yester-day for a business trip to Hearne.

G. H. Turner, general freight agent of the International and Great Northern, is in the cky from Palestine on company business.

The Houston East and West Texas rail-way announces a rate to Fort Worth of one fare for the round trip. Tickets on raile January 6, himited to return Janu-ary 9, the occasion being the Masonic corner stone laying on the 7th.

ary 9, the occasion being the Masonic corner stone laying on the 7th.

President Wright of the Rio Grande and Eagle Pass railway, with headquarters at Laredo, accompanied by Mr. Charies D. Fraser, general freight and passenger agent of the same line, arived in the city yesterday on business for the company.

Engineer F. Ragedaie, who was badly injured about the ankle some weeks age while in the wreck of the Southern Pschie fast mail train, was accompanied by his wife yesterday to the infirmary of the company at San Antonio, for the purpose of undergoing the operation of having his leg amputated above the knoe. It was thought at first there was a chance to save the member, and the act of amputation was deferred until it became necessary to save his life.

Mr. G. H. Turner, general freight agent of the international and Great Northern railroad, of Psiestine, arrived in the city yesterday and took occasion to make considerable comment on the proposed South Texas fair. He said, "You can count on that our line will be ready with a helping hand, and we propose to begin very soon by getting up a special car which will contain samples of grain, fruit, flowers and vegetables produced along our line, to be exhibited in the car as it may travel freet glace to place, but chiefly for the event to be held at Houston next fail."

GREENVILLE.—The ladies of the formated clube of this city scored a imposes in their entertainment.

ALL CARPENTER Are invited to call at our store and examine our li Fine Carpenters'

We have just received the finest lot ever shipped to He Be sure to see our show window of this line.

C. L. & THEO, BERING, JR., 610-612 Main Street

HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT

WEEKLY REPORT OF THE OROP'S STATISTICAL CONDITION.

The World's Visible Supply Was In creased During the Week 89,845 Balcs-The Into Sight.

New Orleans, December 20.—Secretary Hea-

increase for the week just closed of 49,645 hales, against an increase of 123,207 Mat year. The total visible is 5,151,325, against 5,061,680 last wook and 4,271,062 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 4,839,325, against 4,825,680 last wook and 4,038,662 last year, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil India, etc., 212,000, against 232,000 last week

and 217,000 last year.

The total world's visible supply of cotton

Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans cotton exchange statement shows an increase in the movement into night compared with the bales. For the thirty days of December the totals show an increase over last year of 109,-Ke. For the 114 days of the senson that hav

000. For the 114 days of the season that have esassed the aggregate is shead of the 114 days of last reason 400,000. The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 485. 5% bales, against 368,547 for the seven days ending this date last year, and for the thirty days of December it has been 2,202,244, against 1,88,381 last year. These make the tool movement for the 121 days from September 1 to date 1,904,385, against 7,301,641 last year.

The movement sluce Soptember 1 shows receipts at all United Status ports of 3,48,391, against 6,485,279 last year; overland across the hississippi. Ohlo and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada. 13,411, against 57,090 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year, 631,065, against 548,633 last year; Southern mill takings, 487,005, against 490,222 last year.

ern mill takings, 497,005, against 490,222 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 325,416, against 178,146 inst year, making the tetal thus far for the season 4,147,007, against 3,096,125 last year, an increase of 451,872.

Northern mill takings during the past seven days show an increase of 38,153 as compared with the corresponding period last year, and their total takings since September 1 have decreased 109,277. The total takings of American mills, North, South and Chanda, thus far for the season have been 1,053,297, against 1 702,415 last year. These include 1,151,694 by Northern spinners, against 1,260,881.

Stocks at the seasoned and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior conters have decreased during the week 34,811 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 87,984.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crup and the number of bales brought into signt thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 7,872,101, against 7,221,185 for the same period last year.

A FAMILY REUNION.

Happy Event Celebrated with a Big Dinner. Beaumont, Texas, December 29.—Near Wordville, Monday, John Cruse, one of the oldest, wealthiest and most influential

citizens of Tyler county, took dinner for the first time in twenty years at a table seated at which were all of his children who are alive and twenty-six of the twenty-seven grandchildren. The occasion was the host present were: R. A. Cruse, aged 50 years, a wealthy merchant of Wood-50 years, a wealthy merchant of Woodville and oldest son; Dr. J. W. Cruse, agel? 40 years, of Beaumont; Mrs. M. L. Masierson, aged 28 years, of Woodville; H. A. Cruse, axed 36 years, a prosperous farmer who resides at Woodville; Mrs. Elber Roberts, axed 34 years, wife of Dr. Roberts of Woodville; W. W. Cruse, aged 32 years, of Kountze, at present judge of flardin county; Dr. J. B. Cruse, aged 30 years, of lola, Grimes county, and E. Cruse, aged 28 years, a merchant of Woodville.

The family is indeed remarkable. Sirls married well and the boye are presperous. It is also worthy of note t not one of them was ever involved in I sation nor is it known that any man e complained that he had been unjustly desired.

LAKE CHARLES LOCALS.

with by a Cruse

A Reception to the Young People of the Christian Church. Lake Charles, La., December 20.—The closing event of the year, which will long be remembered by the young people of the Christian church, is the reception tendered them last evening by Mesdames B. D. White and Jesse Edmondaton at the bome of Mr. E. D. White, on North Hodges street.

Upon the arrival of the guests they were shown into the cleak rooms by Mrs. White, who then led the way to the spavines. After the assembling of the guests in the parlor, tables were brought in and all joined in playing progressive lotto. At the close of the game four prizes were awarded. The first prize, a silver tray, was awarded to Mr. Emery Ingrige. A box of stationery, the second prize, was received by Miss Clausic Rollins. Rev. Dale, the pastor of the Christian church, received the first booby prize, a match received the first booby prize, a match soratcher. This was a novel scratcher, it represented a pair of pants with two patches of sand-paper in the seat, on which was the counlet: 'On these patches scratch you matches.' The second booby prize, a toy watch, was received by Miss Hampton of Vinton. After awarding the prizes the guests were invited to the dining room, where a luncheson of coffee, cake and fimits was served. For this occasion the dining room had been beautifully decorated with holfy, vines and codar. The decorations of the table were elegant, tholly and ceder interwoven with red and steen ribbon were enhanced over the top in the form of an K. This, with the bouquess of beautiful flowers, made the table very attractive.

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing different games and pleasant conversation. Referr the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute the departure of the guests sach one was presented with a button hole becaute of holly, tied with red, white and blue ribbans, as a souvenir. It was late when the guests departed for their homes, but before leaving an assured Meadames White and Edmonston are excellent entertainers, as evinced by the way in which they entertainerd their guests last

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The movement of freight in the Southers Pacific yards for yesterday was good. deventeen cars of lumber were sept west and one lost east. Three cars of clean rice went to New Orleans. Two cars of merchandise came in for the merchants and two cars of merchandise was chipped from the city, one car east and one car west.

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